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MARCH 19, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

SCANDINAVIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA: SWEDEN, DENMARK, AND FINLAND ARE EXPECTED TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA AT THE END OF MARCH, GIVING PYONGYANG ITS LONG SOUGHT DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE. NORWAY AND ICELAND MAY SOON FOLLOW SUIT. THIS WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THE "TWO KOREAS" CONCEPT, WHICH PYONGYANG HAS PUSHED AND WHICH SEOUL SEEMS FINALLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT. SWEDEN'S ACTION MAY RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR REMAINING ON THE UN SUPERVISORY COMMISSION OR, AS THE SOUTH KOREANS FEAR, EVEN CALL THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMISSION ITSELF INTO DOUBT.

TURKEY - STILL NO NEW PRESIDENT: THE BALLOTING FOR PRESIDENT, SCHEDULED TO RESUME TODAY, WAS CALLED OFF FOR LACK OF A QUORUM. THE IMPASSE MAY BE RESOLVED ON MARCH 21, WHEN A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXTEND PRESIDENT SUNAY'S TERM FOR TWO YEARS WILL PROBABLY BE SUBMITTED. THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IS NOW SUPPORTING AN EXTENSION OF SUNAY'S TERM, FOLLOWING THE REBUFF GIVEN BY PARLIAMENT TO THE MILITARY'S FAVORITE, FORMER GENERAL GURLER. THE JUSTICE PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP REPORTEDLY AGREED TODAY TO SUPPORT SUCH AN AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

THE EVENING STAR AND WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS: SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAID TODAY THAT WHITE HOUSE AIDES WHO INVOKE EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE TO KEEP FROM TESTIFYING ON THE WATERGATE CASE, SHOULD BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS. (A 1)

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED TODAY THAT NORTH VIETNAM ADVANCE THE

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PARALLELING AN ACCELERATION OF THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BY THE TWO VIETNAMS. (A 4)

NORTH KOREA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAID YESTERDAY ITS GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED AND SOUTH KOREA HAS REJECTED A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED STRENGTH TO 5,000 MEN EACH. THE NORTH KOREANS ALSO CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOME 40,000 AMERICAN TROOPS REMAINING IN SOUTH KOREA. (A 6)

IN PARIS, SAIGON AND THE VIET CONG OPENED HIGH-LEVEL TALKS TODAY TO CHART SOUTH VIETNAM'S POLITICAL FUTURE, CREATING BY THE END OF APRIL A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONCORD AND RECONCILIATION THAT WILL ORGANIZE FREE ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY. (A-6)

HENRY BRADSHAW DISCUSSES THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE LON NOL REGIME. BRADSHAW FEELS THAT LON NOL'S GOVERNMENT IS ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE AND LON NOL IS UNABLE TO RALLY ANY POPULAR SUPPORT. IN LIEU OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION ON LON NOL, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT OFFERED ANY SOLUTIONS OR COMPROMISES TO THE GUERRILLAS AND REBELS THAT CONTINUE TO GROW. (A-8)

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